



THE CAPITOL.

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My dear, good wife: I wrote you this morning & here I am sitting down to give you another installment of my scribbling. — Robert and D. K. Carter had a talk with the P. M. Genl. about the P. O. In the course of the conversation, Mr. Blair said something about the impropriety of appointing old men to office. Whereupon Carter said Mr. Forrester was sixty years younger than Bill Condy!

Robert stated the case as strongly as he could. I don't

think the N. M. G's attention had
been called to the subject

before. I don't think it prob-
able that anything will be done
for sometime. In the meanwhile
we must strengthen our position
as much as we can. They told
Howard to get the letter. I wrote
to him for ^{this morning} as soon as possible.
By the way, you must read all
I say about the P. O. to him -

Get Mr. Torrey to ask Dr. Peck to
write a letter to Mr. Chase. I have
no doubt he would willingly do
so and he would pay some at-
tention to it. - Tell Mr. Torrey
he must throw aside his mid-
city and make use of his friends.
Modest is clean out of date
in this city. We must have
all the wits working or we
shall fail. Get a letter from
every active & influential business

man who will unite me,

I think it better that our
family should say just as little
about our prospects or what we
are doing as possible. There is
nothing like silence. I don't
tell all I know here even to
my most intimate & trusted
friends. Nothing can leak out
so long as nobody knows ~~not~~
it but yourself. Several men
have been disappointed here be-
cause they let the cat out of
the bag. We must profit by their
experience.

Let me hear from you con-
stantly. Letters from you & my
pictures are all that make my
stay here endurable.
God bless dear Sir
Luther